residents of the State. There is a provision under the law of the postal ballots in respect of persons belonging to a particular constituency who are residing outside that constituency. There is also a provision under the law for constituting polling stations outside the jurisdiction of a particular constituency on security grounds to enable voters of that Constituency to cast their votes.

For updation of Electoral rolls relating to Kashmiri migrants, Zonal Officers have recently been designated at Jammu, Delhi and Chandigarh by the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir to accept applications from desirous persons applying for inclusion/ correction/deletion of names from the electoral rolls.

Power Supply to Kerala

*358. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has taken a decision to reduce and regulate the power supply due to Kerala;

(b) the arrears outstanding to NTPC from KSEB as on March, 2002;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any steps to avert the regulation of power so as to avoid drastic power cut in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) In view of the decision of Kerala Government to sign the Tripartite Agreement with Government of India and Reserve Bank of India for One Time Settlement of outstanding dues payable by Kerala and issuance of bonds in line with Ahluwalia Committee recommendations, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) does not propose to regulate power to Kerala.

(b) The total outstanding dues against KSEB as on March, 2002 stand at Rs. 1163.83 crores including surcharge of Rs. 228.63 crores.

(c) and (d) In view of (a) above, do not arise.